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To award a congressional gold medal on behalf of President Harry S Truman to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his 1st inauguration as President of the United States of America.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WHEAT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “President Harry S
5 Truman Congressional Gold Medal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress hereby finds the following:

1 (1) Harry S Truman served as President of the
2 United States from April 12, 1945, to January 20,
3 1953.

4 (2) President Truman took important measures
5 to found and support the United Nations.

6 (3) President Truman made important deci-
7 sions that brought World War II to a successful con-
8 clusion and brought the former Axis countries to a
9 free and democratic condition.

10 (4) President Truman gave economic and mili-
11 tary aid to Greece and Turkey in 1947 and after in
12 order to allow them to avoid a communist overthrow
13 of their governments and to pursue freely their indi-
14 vidual destinies, and he further stated it to be the
15 policy of the United States to support free peoples
16 who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed
17 minorities and to help them freely to pursue their
18 independent destinies.

19 (5) President Truman had an important part in
20 formulating and realizing the program of economic
21 assistance for Europe that became known as the
22 Marshall Plan and, through his support for the plan,
23 he helped to maintain an area of prosperity and
24 freedom in Western Europe.

1 (6) President Truman stood by the people of
2 West Berlin when they were threatened by a block-
3 ade by the Soviet Union of all land and water routes
4 to the city, and the airlift that grew out of Truman's
5 desire to maintain West Berlin as an area of free-
6 dom succeeded in supplying the city until the Soviet
7 Union gave up its blockade.

8 (7) President Truman helped to establish the
9 North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and his admin-
10 istration was strongly supportive of measures to
11 strengthen the Atlantic Alliance and to achieve the
12 integration of the countries of Western Europe.

13 (8) President Truman fought throughout his
14 Presidency for domestic programs that would im-
15 prove the lives of the American people and reinforce
16 their country's commitment to social justice.

17 (9) President Truman desegregated the Armed
18 Forces and took other actions to fight racism, and
19 his actions helped to provide the foundation of the
20 modern civil rights movement.

21 (10) President Truman oversaw the reorganiza-
22 tion of the United States Government in order that
23 it might be capable of meeting the demands of the
24 postwar world, and during his administration were
25 created the National Security Council, the Central

1 Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense, the
2 Department of the Air Force, the Council of Eco-
3 nomic Advisers, and other important new agencies
4 and offices.

5 (11) President Truman, through his Point Four
6 Program, stated the goal for American policy of fos-
7 tering economic growth and human uplift in under-
8 developed countries.

9 (12) President Truman led his country to resist
10 aggression in Korea, and his goals in making war
11 against the aggressors were to avoid a world war, to
12 support the United Nations, and to maintain free-
13 dom in the world.

14 (13) President Truman in retirement founded
15 the Harry S Truman Library and devoted his library
16 and himself to teaching the American people, and es-
17 pecially young people, about their history and their
18 government.

19 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

20 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
21 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to Mar-
22 garet Truman Daniel a gold medal of appropriate design,
23 in recognition of the many accomplishments of President
24 Harry S Truman on the occasion of the 50th anniversary

1 of his 1st inauguration as President of the United States
2 of America.

3 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
4 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
5 of the Treasury shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-
6 blems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the
7 Secretary.

8 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—There are
9 authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$20,000 to
10 carry out this section.

11 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

12 (a) STRIKING AND SALE.—The Secretary of the
13 Treasury may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the
14 gold medal struck pursuant to section 3 under such regu-
15 lations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient
16 to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies,
17 use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and the cost of
18 the gold medal.

19 (b) REIMBURSEMENT OF APPROPRIATION.—The ap-
20 propriation used to carry out section 3 shall be reimbursed
21 out of the proceeds of sales under subsection (a).

22 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

23 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national
24 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
25 States Code.

